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Israel May Ask Death For Former High Nazi

JERUSALEM, May 24 (AP). —Israeli legal experts today said the death penalty may be asked for Adolf Eichmann, former Hitler official charged with the extermination of 6 million Jews.

Israel yesterday announced the 34-year-old war criminal's arrest after a hunt of more than 14 years and said he would be tried here. He was brought into a Jaffa court early yesterday and arraigned.

Premier David Ben-Gurion told Parliament that Eichmann would be tried under terms of Israel's law for the trial of Nazis and their collaborators.

The Premier gave no details of the arrest of the man who was a top aide to Heinrich Himmler, boss of the dread Nazi Gestapo. Eichmann dropped from sight in the confusion at the end of the war and subsequently was reported in several Latin American countries, in Australia, in Switzerland and last October in the Middle East. The British hunted for him and he also was wanted for murder in West Germany.

The Israeli radio reported it had been swamped with calls from persons declaring they were among Eichmann's tor-



ADOLF EICHMANN

—AP Wirephoto

ture victims and expressed satisfaction that he had been caught and would be sent to justice. The Israeli Parliament abolished the death penalty two years ago except for treason cases against the state and war crimes against the Jewish people.

Although no details were released on Eichmann's arrest it was learned he had been caught in Israel and had not been extradited from any foreign country. The Ministry of Justice said he readily admitted his identity and asked for legal counsel.

"Resettled" 35,000 Jews

A police officer present during the arraignment told reporters that Eichmann looked well groomed, clean shaven and younger than his 34 years.

After the Anschluss in Austria, Eichmann headed the "Office for Jewish Emigration," the Nazi authority dealing with the deportation and expulsion of Jews.

In 1939 he transferred to Prague where he boasted he "resettled" 35,000 Jews.

The Nazis in 1941 brought him back to Germany and made him head of an office charged with the "solution of the Jewish question." In other words the liquidation of millions of Jews. The office bore the name of its master—Dienststelle Eichmann (Eichmann Authority).

He also was alleged to have supervised personally the liquidation of the Jews in Budapest.

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Israel Seizes Nazi Chief Of Extermination of Jews

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JERUSALEM (Israeli Sector), May 23. Premier David Ben-Gurion announced today that Adolf Eichmann, the S. S. colonel who headed the Gestapo's Jewish Section, was under arrest in Israel and would stand trial for his life.

The Premier made the announcement in the Knesset (Parliament) this afternoon with dramatic understatement. Members were startled by the news.

Mr. Ben-Gurion gave little additional information, nor could much be learned afterward of the circumstances under which Eichmann had been apprehended and where he was being held.

"I have to inform the Knesset," Mr. Ben-Gurion said, "that a short time ago one of the greatest of the Nazi war criminals, Adolf Eichmann, who was responsible together with the Nazi leaders for what they called the final solution of the Jewish question, that is the extermination of 6,000,000 of the Jews of Europe, was discovered by the Israel security services."

Trial Planned Shortly

"Adolf Eichmann is already under arrest in Israel and will shortly be placed on trial in Israel under the terms of the law for the trial of Nazis and their collaborators."

Eugene Rosen, the Minister of Justice, said today that after the Knesset meeting together with Josef Nahmias, Inspector General of the police.

They declined to say where or when Eichmann was found, or whether any other country had assisted in his capture.

Mr. Rosen said Eichmann was held without charge under a magistrate's warrant issued today in Jaffa.

Eichmann disappeared in 1947 in Czechoslovakia ahead of advancing United States and Soviet troops. Jewish units had been searching for him with the

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help of former S. S. officers since the end of the war.

There were rumors last November that Eichmann was in Kuwait. A question was asked in the House of Commons as to whether the Government was doing anything to apprehend him. Mr. Rosen said steps were being taken but would only be disclosed after further questioning.

Mr. Rosen said today that Eichmann was undoubtedly wanted by a number of countries that had been occupied by the Germans.

As well as the extradition may when we are dealing with him," he said.

Mr. Rosen said that in due time Eichmann would be furnished defense counsel. He said the lawyer might be brought from abroad to avoid charges of prejudice.

Asked if there was enough evidence to indict Eichmann and try him, Mr. Rosen said: "Yes, definitely. There is sufficient proof. We are also bringing witnesses together."

The applicable law passed in Israel states: "A person who has committed a crime during the period of the Nazi regime, in an enemy country, an act constituting a crime against the Jewish people . . . is liable to the death penalty."

Eichmann will be the first to be tried under this provision. There have been death sentences passed in Israel, but none has been carried out.

Eichmann, who is 53 years

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ARRESTED BY ISRAEL: Adolf Eichmann, a former leader of Nazi Gestapo. He is shown in a file photograph taken some years ago.

directly in charge of the mass extermination of Jews in Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary.

Israeli Supreme Court judgments in war crimes cases repeatedly have described Eichmann as "a monster" and "a bloodthirsty criminal."

One of the most striking testimonies in Israeli courts was given by Joel Brand, former Jewish leader in Budapest.

Mr. Brand described how during the Nazi occupation of Hungary, Eichmann proposed to him a deal of "blood for money"—a promise to liberate 500,000 doomed Hungarian Jews if Jewish authorities persuaded the Western allies to turn over 10,000 trucks to them. Mr. Brand failed to raise the "ransom" or a substitute acceptable to the Nazis.

At least part of the trial is expected to be conducted in secret because of the secret nature of Eichmann's capture.

Called 'Most Bloodthirsty'

JERUSALEM (Israeli Sector), May 23. (Reuters)—In most Israeli history books on crimes against the Jews, Eichmann is described as the most bloodthirsty of the Nazi leaders. Officials in Israel said he was

Other West German papers mentioned rumors that Eichmann had been reported seen both in Cairo and Kuwait. They speculated that Eichmann might have been abducted by the Israeli Secret Service from the

Eichmann Capture a Secret

By Arye Wallenstein
Reuters

Jerusalem, May 24—A high Israeli police official said tonight the details of the capture of Adolph Eichmann, accused of the murder of millions of European Jews, will "never be revealed."

The official, Inspector General Yosef Nahmias, told a news conference that the investigation of the most wanted Nazi war criminal in Israel was "just beginning." He announced that German-born police officer Abraham Solinger had been named chief investigator.

Nahmias said newsmen will not be permitted to interview or photograph Eichmann "even during the trial."

Earlier, legal experts said the preparation of a case and trial would each take several months at least.

Trail to Uncover Nazis

The trial, the experts said, will probably go into the whole history of Nazi persecution of Jews, concentration camps and gas chambers and reveal untold chapters of Nazism and Nazis.

Nahmias described Eichmann as "lanky, about five feet 10 inches tall with black, balding hair and somewhat tanned skin." He said Eichmann was being held in solitary confinement under day-and-night guard.

He said Eichmann accused, of ordering some six million Jews put to death, had been supplied with German books

and was eating kosher food in his solitary confinement cell. "Already several people have called on Israeli police offering to testify against Eichmann," the Inspector General said. He said some foreign government agencies had offered to help in preparation of the case.

Use Nuremberg Transcripts

Nahmias said transcripts of the Nuremberg war trials would be used in preparation of the case.

Eichmann will not be permitted to communicate with anyone, he said, including his wife and family in Linz, Austria.

The Inspector General parried a newsman's question on where Eichmann's suit had been bought with silence.

One report from a usually reliable source said Eichmann was trapped through efforts of an unknown Polish Jew whose entire family died in Nazi gas chambers. The Pole, one of the few survivors of the Bronowicz Ghetto in Galicia, tracked Eichmann for 15 years and then led Israeli agents to him, the report said.

The West German mass circulation newspaper *Abendpost* quoted a well-informed source in Tel Aviv today as saying that "a special Israeli commando had probably abducted Eichmann from a neighboring Arab country."

Chief public prosecutor of West Germany, Fritz Bauer, who headed the German investigation of the Eichmann

case, said last December that he believed Eichmann was in Kuwait working as a middleman between West German firms and the oil-rich island. According to usually reliable sources in Jerusalem, Israeli intelligence had tracked Eichmann for years through scores of countries in three continents. He was described as "the greatest living enemy of the Jewish people."

Not Formally Charged

Eichmann has not yet been formally charged. He appeared before a magistrate in Jaffa Monday and was remanded for 14 days. He is being held for war crimes—the maximum penalty for which is death in Israel.

The lanky, 53-year-old Eichmann, his face wrinkled and handcuffs removed, stood at attention as the magistrate told him: "You are accused of causing the deaths of millions of Jews in Germany and occupied territories in the years 1938-45."

Eichmann said: "I am not responsible for the deeds of which I am being accused and I shall prove it at the appropriate time," according to minutes of the proceedings disclosed today.

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Palestine-born, Eichmann speaks fluent Hebrew. He attended Jewish schools and later went to school in Germany.

He returned to Palestine in

1938 under Hitler's orders to generate and arm an Arab uprising.

Captured documents here are said to show that in 1938 Eichmann submitted to Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler a detailed proposal to "settle the Jewish problem" and in first transport of Jews to the camps where gas chambers had been built.

Eichmann Trapped by 1940 Photo

Reuters

JERUSALEM, May 25—A girl friend's 20-year-old photo of Adolf Eichmann was reported today to have trapped the alleged Nazi killer of 6 million Jews.

The report appeared in Davar, the newspaper of Premier David Ben-Gurion.

It said Israeli intelligence agents followed up 100 tips before finding Eichmann and identifying him from the old photo.

Davar said the hunt was started by Asher Ben-Nathan, now director-general of the Defense Ministry, when he was acting for the Jewish underground organization Hagana at the end of World War II.

He obtained from Eichmann's girl friend the only clear photograph of him. Although it was 20 years old, it left little doubt of his identity when he was traced.

Watched for Baby-Face

Intelligence agents were told to watch for a baby-face, with a slightly twisted lower lip, effeminate features, a high forehead and receding hair.

They shadowed him for a long time before arresting him, studying his habits, work and daily routine.

The shock of capture shattered him, the paper said, and it was some time before he recovered enough to talk to his captors.

Well-informed sources here said they did not believe the Israeli government would ever admit to capturing a man in a foreign country.

Israel's diplomats abroad are reported to have been told to keep a close watch on reaction to the Eichmann case—especially in South America, where some newspapers claim he was caught.

Followed, 15-Year Hunt

Eichmann's arrest, announced Monday night, followed a 15-year search of three continents by Israeli agents.

A high Israeli police official said the full story about how the 54-year-old Nazi was caught "will never be revealed . . . even during the trial."

"In Vienna, the Socialist Arbeiter Zeitung said Eichmann escaped from Austria to Spain on a bogus Spanish passport in 1949.

The newspaper also claimed the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem met Eichmann in Cairo last year. Later, it was learned, according to the report, that Eichmann was living in the oil sheikdom of Kuwait, where he worked for a German concern.

In May, 1945, at the end of World War II, Eichmann appeared in his German uniform in Alt-Aussee. American occupation authorities arrested him there, but did not recognize they had a major Nazi, according to Austrian officials.

Brother 'Surprised'

His brother, Robert Eichmann, a lawyer, said in Vienna today: "We believed my brother died years ago. I was taken completely by surprise at the news of his arrest in Israel."

He said he did not have the "faintest clue" as to the whereabouts of his brother's wife and three sons except that they no longer live in Austria.

In the meantime, former SS officer Hermann Krumey today was rearrested on suspicion of complicity in the murder and robbery of Hungarian Jews in 1944, according to sources in Frankfurt.

Krumey, a 41-year-old living in Korbach, in the West German State of Hesse, first was arrested in April, 1937, on suspicion of being involved in the deportation and extermination of 400,000 Hungarian Jews in 1944, but later was freed by court order.

He again was arrested in August, 1953, on suspicion of having handed over to the Gestapo for special treatment 28 children from the Czech village of Lidice, which was razed by the Germans in 1942, but was released in September, 1958, for lack of evidence.